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CONTROL APPARATUS,
DECODING APPARATUS, AND
DECODING SYNCHRONOUS
CONTROL METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully request that the following amendment be entered into the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 9 as follows and add the following new claims:

Claim 9, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of claims 2 to 8" and insert

--claim 2--.

--16. A decoding synchronous control apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein synchronous control is performed in any one or both of decoding control of the coded data or reproduction control of the decoded data.

17. A decoding synchronous control apparatus as claimed in claim 4, wherein synchronous control is performed in any one or both of decoding control of the coded data or reproduction control of the decoded data.

18. A decoding synchronous control apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein synchronous control is performed in any one or both of decoding control of the coded data or reproduction control of the decoded data.

19. A decoding synchronous control apparatus as claimed in claim 6, wherein synchronous control is performed in any one or both of decoding control of the coded data or reproduction control of the decoded data.

20. A decoding synchronous control apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein synchronous control is performed in any one or both of decoding control of the coded data or reproduction control of the decoded data.

21. A decoding synchronous control apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein synchronous control is performed in any one or both of decoding control of the coded data or reproduction control of the decoded data.

REMARKS

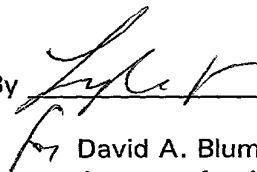
Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments to Claim 9 and new Claims 16-21 be entered in order to avoid this application incurring a surcharge for the presence of one or more multiple dependent claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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